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Memo to DBER and Division of Inspection from GM

This will authorize a program of collection of information regarding the hospital patients injected with plutonium in 1945-47 to be conducted by the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research <sup>in consultation</sup> with the participation of the Division of Inspection. The patients were injected in hospitals in Chicago, Oak Ridge, Rochester, and San Francisco. Initial followup studies of <sup>any</sup> variable length were conducted on all patients in the original hospitals; studies were conducted on a few patients about five years later; additional studies were instituted on three of four surviving patients and on the remains of an exhumed patient during 1973.

The purpose of the inquiry is to resolve the question of whether disclosure was made to or informed consent obtained from the patients. The primary thrust of the inquiry is directed to the recent studies conducted at Argonne National Laboratory and the Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester. However, information regarding disclosure <sup>or informed consent</sup> at the time of the injections will also be sought when possible.

The inquiry will take the following form:

A. Document search.

Documentation regarding the matter will be sought from all available sources.

B. Interviews

Interviews will be conducted by teams of two persons, one from DBER and one from the Division of Inspection. The following guidelines shall apply in conducting interviews:

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